

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** How 2 Make Poisonous Gas (with household materials)

**Other known title(s):** Deathgas.bar

**OFLC ref:** 1800622.039

**Medium:** Text File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 13 years.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 18 June 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 18 June 2019

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The text file contains a brief statement about mixing chemicals to make a poisonous gas and numerous warnings about the consequences of doing so. However, the hazards from mixing these particular chemicals is generally well-known and is consistent with experiments undertaken by students under adult supervision. The publication therefore cannot seriously be considered promotional or encouraging of crime. However, the unrestricted availability of the publication is still likely to be injurious to the public good. Children may well be enticed by the prospect of creating a poisonous gas using materials that are accessible in their homes. This experimentation could be seriously harmful to themselves or others. Teenagers and adults are likely to have the maturity to recognise the well-known dangers and the potential harm to themselves or others. Therefore, the text file is restricted to those aged 13 and over, as this is the lowest reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act that can be applied in order to prevent injury to the public good.